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1. (Amended) A catheter for insertion into the bodily tissue of a medical patient, comprising:
a body including an interface for at least partial insertion into the bodily tissue at a
point of insertion;
said interface being the portion of said body which is in contact with said bodily
tissue adjacent said point of insertion;
said interface having an exterior surface including texture thereon.

Remarks

In the Office action dated December 22, 2000, claims 1-15 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-15 are subject to restriction or election requirement. Specifically, in the Office action, Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Currently, claim 1 is considered in the Office action to be generic.

The Office action recites that the present application contains claims directed to the following distinct species of the claimed invention: FIGS. 1, 2; FIG. 3; FIG. 4; FIG. 5; FIG. 6; FIG. 11 respectively. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.